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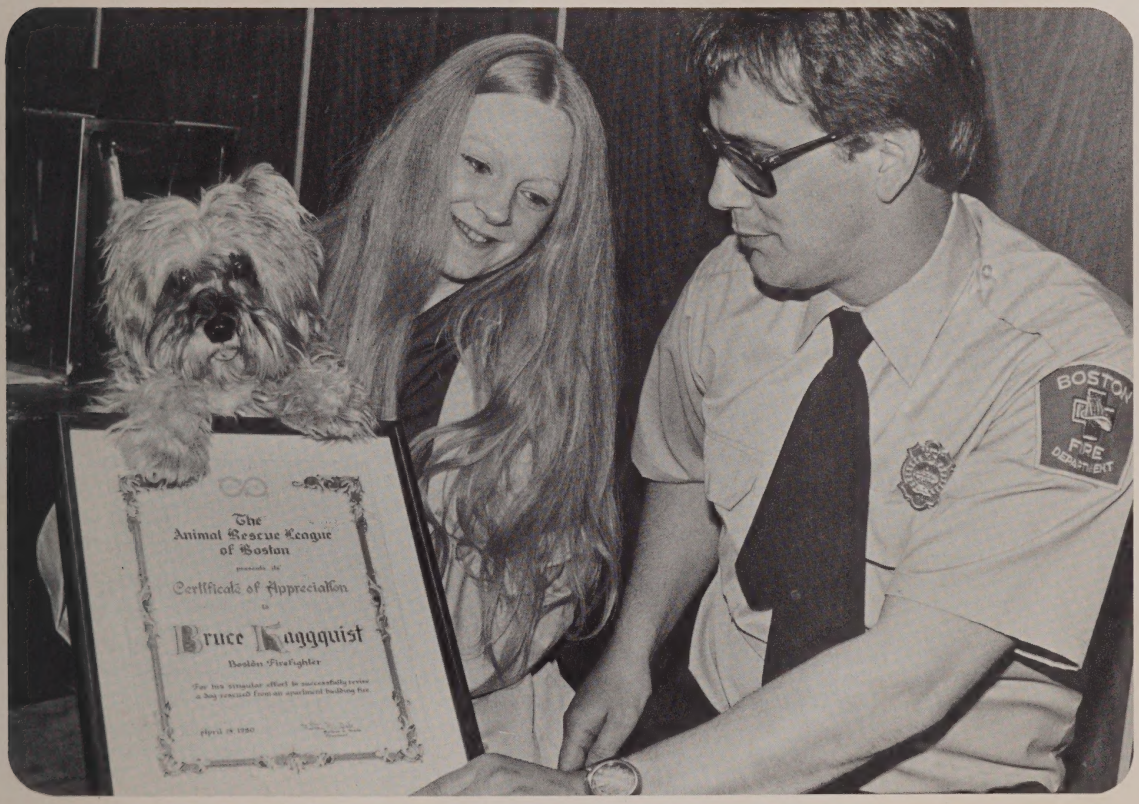

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from the president's desk

Animal Exploitation and Abuse

The problems of animal exploitation and abuse have been with us since the beginning of human association with animals, and it still remains the prime concern of animal welfare agencies throughout the world. It takes many forms and at times seems an almost endless task. The volume and magnitude of these struggles extends into many, if not most, areas of animal activities. This is not to say that the humane movement has not seen progress in a large number of situations and we look to more accomplishments in the future.

Some of the pressing concerns of today are inhumane trapping, unnatural constraints placed on livestock and poultry in so-called factory farm methods, abuses in rodeos and other live animal shows, the production of motion pictures-especially foreign made films - which involve abuse and cruel treatment of animals (see article on page 8 of this issue), the inhumane treatment of animals in transportation, zoos and laboratories, and endangered wildlife, just to mention a few.

It is our intention to address these and other issues in an effort to keep you posted as to the current status and progress of vital subjects.

A case in point at this time is H.R. 1297, which is proposed federal legislation to discourage the use of cruel steel jaw leg-hold traps. It would prohibit the shipment in interstate or foreign commerce of animal products that come from animals trapped in any State or foreign country which has not banned the manufacture, sale or use of leg-hold traps.

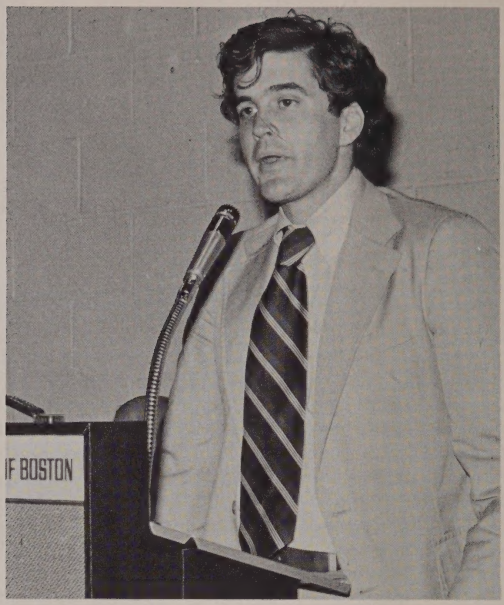
The suffering and agony caused by these traps to millions of animals throughout the world who end up caught in them is well known to all humane-minded people. They are non-selective in the species of animals they trap and cause untold suffering to wild and domestic animals who normally find one leg suddenly held captive by the trap. Their fate is then to suffer pain and fright in a frenzied fight to escape, which may well last for hours or sometimes days. Needless to say, they also fall helpless prey to any predator who may easily find them, due to the violent efforts they make in an unsuccessful effort to release themselves from the torture grip of the trap. These traps are a cruel device which have no place in a civilized society.

If you wish to express your feelings now on this legislation, please write to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, 3150 House Office Building Annex 2, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Arthur G. Slade
President

1980 Annual Meeting:

A Look at the Future for Boston's Zoo Animals



Timothy Anderson, guest speaker.

Do we have a right to put animals on display for our own entertainment? If we must have zoos, is there a way to design and operate them so as to benefit the animal kingdom as well as mankind?

These are some of the ethical and humane considerations taken into account in the planning of Franklin Park Zoo's total renovation and reconstruction program which is now underway, according to Timothy Anderson, executive director of the Boston Zoological Society, which jointly manages and operates both Franklin Park Zoo and the Stoneham Zoo with the Commonwealth's Metropolitan District Commission.

As guest speaker at the League's 1980 annual meeting, held Thursday, April 24, Anderson expressed his personal gratitude for the cooperation and help he has received over the years from League staff members and gave League members and friends a preview of the exciting future in store for Franklin Park Zoo residents and visitors.

Those attending were welcomed by Arthur G. Slade, League president, who reviewed the humane accomplishments of the past year and outlined plans for expanding clinical services in the months to come. In 1979, which was its 80th year of service, the League was privileged to receive the support of 2600 new members and donors, Mr. Slade announced.

Two new members were elected to the board of directors: Mrs. Kenneth W. Gregg and Franklin King, Jr. Re-elected to the board for a three-year term were: Paul J. Brennan, Mrs. Alexander H. Bright, Mrs. George Cushing, Jr., John C. Hatch and Allen B. Rider, Jr.

Three special awards were presented by the League to individuals who had rendered outstanding humane service to animals during the year. The award recipients were Boston firefighter Bruce Haggquist, for his rescue of Shasta, a dog trapped in a burning apartment building in Brighton, East Weymouth resident Mrs. Katherine Hammond, for her efforts in calling attention to abuses at an area dog pound, and a group of ninth graders from Broad Meadow Junior High School in Quincy, who located and helped rescue six Mallard ducks coated with oil after a home heating oil spill this winter from a barge in Quincy's Fore River.

Illustrating his talk with a color slide presentation, Tim Anderson told League members that the Franklin Park Zoo is being totally redesigned according to a thematic scheme, with the 70-acre area divided into different "bio-zones" of the African continent, incorporating the flora and fauna native to each zone in its own natural habitat.

The bird world exhibit, redesigned in 1974, was the first step "in trying to show Boston what a zoo could be," Anderson explained. Using a natural design concept, the display shows the birds in their habitats, be it forest, swamp or desert. A low glass wall surrounds the exhibits, but there are no barriers at eye level between birds and people. "We rely on psychological barriers to keep the birds in their own area," he explained. This involves such strategies as keeping the lighting brighter in the exhibit area, and dimmer where the viewing public stands. This building is now frequently used as a setting for educational programs, on a wide variety of ecological subjects, he noted.

They have also received a grant of $36,000 from the Hayden Foundation for renovation of the Children's Zoo, where Animal Rescue League staff members have for many years helped in the presentation of small animal programs and pet care clinics.

The major goals in planning the new zoo were to provide a natural environment for the animals, a year round spot for family recreation, a center for educational exhibits and programs, a setting ideal for efforts directed at the conservation of endangered species and biomedical and behavioral research, and a revitalization of Franklin Park and its neighborhood.

When completed, the zoo will include a 1-acre tropical forest pavilion, where animals will roam in their natural habitat; 8½ acres of outdoor savannah populated with species of animals and birds native to the African plains; a desert building and a new education resource center, with classrooms, library and educational exhibits.

The second phase of the renovations, scheduled to start soon, is the construction of the Savannah which will include exhibit hall, classrooms and an 8½ acre flatland populated by zebras, giraffes, ostriches and other animals and birds of the region. The exhibit hall will feature displays showing not only how animals relate to their environment, but also how their relationship to humans has affected them over the years, whether beneficially or detrimentally.

"There will always be zoos," Anderson said in conclusion, "if just to let people come close to animals and gain sensitivity toward them. But if we must have zoos, let's make sure that they are not just for entertainment, but also are planned to foster humane education and conservation.

President Slade presents awards to Katherine Hammond, shown with friends above, and [below] to junior high students from Quincy.

Third League award went to Boston firefighter Bruce Haggquist [see cover photo] who rescued and revived Shasta, shown above recuperating on the fire truck after being resuscitated by the firefighter. Photos by George Rizer, courtesy of the Boston Globe.

Rx for Love:

Just What the Doctor Ordered

Faces light up when pup visits the bedside.

"There's a visitor here to see you, Bobby," says recreational therapist Sally Cove. As the boy looks up and sees that the visitor is a fat, friendly puppy heading eagerly for his hospital bed on unsteady legs, his whole face lights up.

For the past five months, Robin Napolitan, humane education instructor at the League, has been bringing puppies to visit with the pediatric patients at the Massachusetts General Hospital on a regular basis. Arranged with the approval of the medical staff, the visiting pet program has been a big hit with parents and staff members as well as with the young patients.

"It's very important to provide the hospitalized child with activities and special events that in some way bring to the hospital those things that normally occur in their daily routine at home," explains Susan Johnson, recreation therapist.

The puppies are brought from room to room on the pediatric and adolescent units, and visit with all but the very sick children, or those who are sleeping. This gives those children who are bedridden and unable to leave their rooms a break in the day's routine, and some very special individual attention.

"What kind is he?" "What's his name?" "Can I call him Ralph?" "Look, Momma, it's trying to kiss you!" The eager questions and excited laughter invariably greet the visitors. A surprise visit from a real, live puppy obviously boosts the patients' spirits and takes their minds off their problems, for a while at least.

Many of the children have pets at home and miss them during the separation. "They frequently start telling us all about their own dogs and cats, and how much they look forward to seeing them when they go home," Ms. Napolitan notes.

Parents stop to thank them for visiting their children, and nurses reach out to pat the pup as they make their rounds. The children love to hear that the puppy likes them, which is something Ms. Napolitan takes care to point out whenever the pup tries to sniff or lick an extended hand.

"Children identify with small animals and therefore benefit from the response they receive from a puppy or kitten, especially when they touch the animal and it responds by moving toward the child, looking for more affection," Miss Johnson points out.

Animals are oblivious to sickness or handicaps and unquestioning in their affection, traits which have caused them to become increasingly recognized as a positive factor in promoting both physical and mental health. Dr. Boris Levenson, a pioneer in the use of pet therapy for disturbed children, has expressed concern over the child's separation from the animal world at institutions such as hospitals or residential schools. An animal in this environment can help provide stability during separations from home, he feels, as well as sympathy, understanding and love during what is usually a traumatic time for children who are removed from their homes and families.

In many cases, animals can reach children where people have failed. On one visit, Robin recalls, a young boy talked with them about the puppy for some time and was quite animated. Later Ms. Cove, the recreational therapist, told her that this same boy had been extremely depressed for the past three days. "That's the first interaction he's had with anyone all day, and the first time I've ever seen him smile. That's what it's all about," she said.

Robin Napolitan brings puppy to visit teenage ward.

Summer Pet Care Pointers

The long, hot days of summer can mean discomfort and sometimes danger for household pets. Here are just a few of the ways in which pet owners can help make the summer a safe season for the fourfooted friends they love. Above all, pet owners should always be alert for signs of discomfort, expecially in the case of puppies or kittens, or pets that are getting on in years.

Heat Stroke

The symptoms of heat stroke include heavy, loud panting, warm, dry skin, a rapid pulse, staggering gait, weakness, and a strange facial expression - dogs may have a glazed, staring look and cats will look anxious.

If you suspect heat stroke, move the animal into a cool spot immediately, and lower the body temperature by sponging with cool water, or immersing in a cool, shallow bath, and massage the joints to help restore circulation. Give the animal frequent sips of cool (not ice cold) water. If it does not return to normal in a short time, take the animal to a veterinarian.

In The House

When you go out be sure to leave a window open or a fan to circulate the air, if you don't have air conditioning or if it's turned off. It also helps to give your pets access to the cooler parts of the house - the basement or the tile floor of the bath (a favorite cooling off spot for cats).

Hot Dog

A parked car can quickly become a death trap on a hot day for an animal left inside, unattended, even if the windows are slightly opened. When it is 85 degrees outside, for example, the temperature in a parked car can go up to 102 degrees in just ten minutes, and hit 120 degrees in a half hour.

To help concerned friends of animals alert pet owners to the dangers of leaving an animal inside a car, the League has available, free of charge, "Hot Dog" notices. These reminders, which can be placed on the windshield of a car when an animal is spotted inside, also carry first aid instructions for treating heat stroke. For copies of the "Hot Dog" reminder notice, write Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, Mass. 02117.

Outdoor Tips

Prevention is the best cure, of course, for problems caused by sun and heat. Never leave a pet outdoors all day in the hot sun without access to shade. Exercise dogs in the early morning or late evening when temperatures are lower. Be sure that fresh, cool drinking water is accessible at all times and use a heavy, weighted bowl outdoors to prevent the water dish from being tipped over and accidentally spilled.

Ticks and Other Summer Pests

Pets spend more time outdoors in warm weather, enjoying fresh air and exercise but also exposed to a variety of summer pests. Ticks top the list of unwelcome warm weather visitors. Though more prevalent in the country, ticks can live anywhere near trees, bushes or wooded areas, so city dogs are also at risk to ticks. These blood sucking parasites, once fastened on to an animal with their hook-like beaks, are difficult to remove. Daily grooming and careful inspection is a must. The best way to remove a tick is to swab it with alcohol, and use a tweezer to lift the parasite off, making sure that the head does not remain imbedded in the skin. Ticks cause itching and skin irritations, and are also known to carry Rocky Mountain spotted fever which can be transmitted to humans. Once your dog has been infested, it's best to follow up the manual grooming with one of the commercial tick sprays or dips on the market, to remove the tiny seed ticks which are too small to spot and remove manually.

Bees and skunks are two other summer pests that plague pets. A cold compress should be applied to a bee sting to reduce swelling, and a pain killing ointment applied to alleviate discomfort. If swelling is severe, follow up with warm compresses. If there are any signs of weakness or difficulty in breathing, take your pet to a veterinarian at once.

The best treatment for an encounter with a skunk is a bath in tomato juice, followed by a soap and water scrub and a rinse. Another good remedy is "Skunk-Off", Old Time Woodsman, Inc., P.O. Box 731, Concord, Mass. 01742.

When the circus comes to town, League inspector Walter Robinson is behind the scenes, seeing that the animal entertainers are properly cared for.

Animal Abuse in the Movies

by Richard W. Bryant

Animals have had an important, but difficult, role in the making of motion pictures since the beginnings of the industry. During the 1920's and 1930's abuse of animals was flagrant. Finally, when a horse was run off a 70 foot cliff to his death in Tyrone Power's 1939 film, "Jesse James", the American public demanded something be done to rectify the situation of helpless and unwilling animals being tortured and killed for the benefit of movie-goers. The Motion Picture Association of America finally signed a letter of agreement with the American Humane Association in 1940, which mandated that an A.H.A. field agent be on the scene when a picture was being filmed involving animals, and the producers would comply with their guidelines in providing proper care and fair treatment. Hazards which may injure animals were eliminated from the sets, there was no overworking of the animals, scripts were modified to meet the objections of the humane representative, killing or injuring of animals was abolished. For example, the tripping of horses to realistically portray a falling horse in a battle scene was now accomplished by a trained horse and rider who would fall into a sawdust pit on cue. Any scene can be made without abusing or killing animals. Humane societies and the public were happy with the reports that the motion picture industry was conforming to the spirit and letter of the agreement.

The American Humane Association's representative in Hollywood, Richard Craven, wrote in 1942: "Let us all work together, and let us repose trust until we have sound reason to change our attitude".

During the 1960's many small motion picture producers sprang up everywhere. Movies were being made all over the world, and there was ever-increasing competition from television. The big movie production houses lost control of the industry which lead to the downfall in 1966, of the Motion Picture Production Code which contained the agreement with A.H.A.

Today, the abuse of animals is rampant, as is callous disregard for the animals' welfare in an effort to create the most realistic scene at the lowest possible cost. Often the A.H.A. field agents are not notified in advance when animals are scheduled, nor allowed on the private property where the films are being shot. Nearly all controls over the industry have been lost except for public pressure and whispering protest from the Screen Actors Guild. In two forth-coming films involving horses, "The Mountain Men" starring Charlton Heston, and "Tom Horn" starring Steve McQueen, horses were tripped with wires, falling head over heels in a full somersault. Ten other films released last year involved animal abuse or death. For example, in the science fiction film "Prophecy" a raccoon was tormented and abused in order to make it attack a human. In "Apocalypse Now" a water buffalo was killed and slaughtered on camera. And the making of the 1977 Marlon Brando film "Missouri Breaks" involved drowning a horse and killing a rabbit.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston, a non-profit humane society, believes in humane treatment of all animals and is against the cruel use of animals in motion picture productions - and in no case does the end justify the means.

The American Humane Association, whose Hollywood office is under the direction of Carmelita Pope, is trying to preview all scripts and supervise all sets where animals are being filmed. At this time, they are able to evaluate all films, after they are completed, when the Motion Picture Association's Code and Classification Board sees them to assign the "G, PG, R or X" ratings. The A.H.A. rates the films "Acceptable" or "Unacceptable" according to humane standards with the reviews being sent to the media.

The A.H.A. will also honor those films which actively try to be humane to animals. In Robert Redford's film "The Electric Horseman", the producers, Ray Stark and Sydney Pollock, have been honored by being the first recipients of the A.H.A.'s new "Highest Humane Standards Award".

There is a draft of a bill being written for the Congress called the Motion Picture Animal Welfare Act which is designed to assure the humane treatment of animals in the filming of motion pictures, not only within the United States, but also the territories and possessions. Under the proposed law, being sponsored by Congressman Trent Lott of Mississippi, the Secretary of Agriculture would be responsible for standards governing humane handling, treatment and transportation of all animals used in motion pictures. We urge you to contact your Respresentatives and Senators in Washington, asking them to be a co-sponsor of the proposed law.

In Massachusetts, humane societies, including the League, have drafted and reintroduced their own bill to the state legislature, H-6630, an Act to Discourage Cruelty to Animals in the Production of Commercial Visual Entertainment Materials. Basically the law, if passed, would prohibit the showing of films in the Commonwealth which have scenes filmed by actual abuse or death of animals during the production. If the producers would have violated our cruelty to animals law if they filmed the movie here, then the film cannot be shown here. Please ask your state legislators to support the passage of H-6630 which is currently being considered by the Legislative Committee on Counties.

Members and friends can also make their opposition known by boycotting films which are rated "Unacceptable" by the A.H.A. If enough people boycott the films, or if the films cannot be shown at all, producers will get the message that they can't continue to profit from animal cruelty.

Unacceptable Films

AHA's Hollywood Office has rated the following motion pictures as unacceptable for the cruel treatment or outright killing of animals during production.

1978

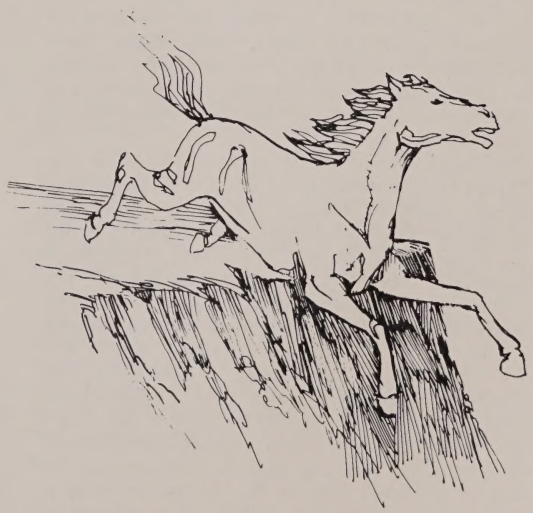
Furtivos, Emperor Cinema International
Savage Man, Savage Beast, Joseph E. Levine, Distributor
Butch and Sundance: The Early Years, 20th Century Fox

1979

Mountain of the Cannibal Gods, New Line Cinema
Tiger's Claw, Transcontinental Films
The Chisholms, Part 1, CBS-TV
Prophecy, Paramount
Arabian Nights, United Artists
Fist of Fury, Part 2, 21st Century Distributor of New York
Mr. Mike's Mondo Video, New Line Cinema
Apocalypse Now, United Artists
The Black Cobra, Aurora Films
The Mountain Men, Columbia

1980

Tom Horn, Warner Brothers
The Lion Speaks, Canada Global Films



Obedience Training can Keep Dogs and Owners Together

By making dog obedience classes available to pet owners in their community, humane societies can provide substantial benefits to the community, to pets, and to their owners, and at the same time improve conditions in the humane society shelter since fewer pets will be abandoned or given up as undesirable or uncontrollable.

Robin Napolitan, humane education instructor at the League, described the benefits of dog obedience training at the annual meeting of the New England Federation of Humane Societies, held in May at Hampton Beach, N.H. ''Obedience training should be an important part of any discussion of pet needs since it can help avert many of the problems that may cause an owner to give up a pet,'' she told humane education specialists attending.

Describing the problems caused by a lack of basic obedience training, she cited the many phone calls every humane society receives seeking advice on how to handle problem pets; the pets that are abandoned or given up because of behavioral problems which may make them unsuitable for adoption; and the many animals that are returned after being adopted from a shelter because their owners don't know how to handle them.

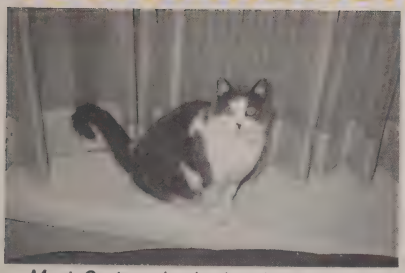
Problems also affect the community, since it is difficult for the owner of an untrained dog to obey animal control laws. The dog may be unmanageable on a leash and barks when it is tied up, so the owner allows it to run free, becoming a nuisance or even a threat to the neighbors. The owner is unhappy because he can't live comfortably with the dog; the dog without training is even more unhappy and insecure. There is a lack of structure and routine in the pet's life, including leadership and the subordinate-dominant relationships that are part of the dog's natural heritage. When behavior problems become overwhelming, the dog may be set free to the dangers of street life, or hit, kicked or roughly handled as punishment, either as a release of anger on the part of the owner or simply due to lack of knowledge of proper correction techniques.

Even dogs that are not abandoned or mistreated still suffer. Instead of trying to solve the problem of the overly friendly animal who jumps up on guests and gets out of control in the house, the owner may isolate the pet from family and guests, tying it up outside or banishing it to the cellar where it is deprived of social contact. This isolation in turn causes more bad habits to develop, like barking, chewing, digging, and other destructive, attention-getting devices. Also, a dog that is kept apart from the family with no supervision is unlikely to receive proper care. Because the dog is hard to handle, for example, it may be torture for the owner to try to groom it or take it to the vet, so this situation is simply avoided. On one level the dog has won; but the animal is also the real loser in the situation because it is now more likely to be abandoned or given away.

With basic obedience training, a sound dog/owner relationship can develop. The controllable dog is able to spend time with the family, because the family is now willing and eager to spend time with the dog. When the dog is more secure of its position in the household and knows what is expected of him, behavior problems either disappear or never develop in the first place.

Ms. Napolitan outlined for the audience the main features of the Animal Rescue League of Boston's dog training courses, noting that the Connecticut Humane Society also offers a similar program. All dog owners who adopt a pet from the League or seek veterinary care at the clinic are made aware of the service through a large sign in the main lobby and those who call about behavior problems are also told of the program. Classes are held indoors in the auditorium with a maximum enrollment of 15 dogs, and two trainers to provide individualized attention. Group lessons allow dogs to learn to obey despite a lot of distractions, making them more likely to obey in natural settings.

PETS IN THE PICTURE



Meet Greta, who is described as "regal and aristocratic" by her owners, Elizabeth and David King of Norwood, who gave her a home after she was abandoned by a former owner, and have been enjoying her company ever since.

Buttons, all dressed up in his best outfit, is the pet of Rebecca Shuman of Roslindale. The beagle's photo was sent in by Mildred Greig of Roslindale who knitted Buttons' matching sweater and hat.

Coco, who is 2½, was adopted from the League's Salem branch in September 1979, by Donna Snow of Charlestown. "When we got her, you could tell she had been abused," Mrs. Snow writes. "But now she loves us and we all love her...she isn't a bit afraid anymore."

Here is Maggie McGee Magoo "better known as Miss America of the cat world" according to owner Verna E. da-Gama of Brighton, who adopted Maggie from the Animal Rescue League of Boston in June, 1976.

Editor's Note:
If you'd like to see your pet's photo in print, just send along with a brief description to Pets in the Picture, Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, Mass. 02117.

Dogs must be at least five months old, vaccinated and licensed; handlers must be at least 10 years old. The course consists of seven one-hour lessons, at a cost os $15. At the time of registration, owners fill out a survey that tells the trainers a little about their problems, the most frequent of which are "jumping on people, chewing items, running away, and pulling on leash."

The first lesson is an introduction for handlers without their dogs, so they can listen without distraction and learn what to expect. Trainers explain how many behavior problems that are not visible in class (chewing, etc.) will disappear as the dog gains security in the home environment, as well as how dogs learn through repetition and praise. An emphasis is also placed on proper equipment - a well fitting training collar and a 6 foot cotton or leather leash. The next six weeks are devoted to the basics: sit, heel, stay, down, come, etc. The importance of practicing at home is strongly stressed. "We can easily tell who practices and who doesn't" the speaker noted. "The dog that doesn't practice, does not improve."

At the end of the course, handlers are asked to fill out a follow-up survey. If they are still having problems, additional help is available. Any alumnus can return for seven additional lessons at no charge, and for those requesting more advanced work, the trainers provide a list of advanced obedience programs in the area.

In conclusion, Ms.Napolitan urged humane education specialists to make dog owners aware of the benefits of obedience training, either at the time of adoption or when they call for advice on pet behavioral problems. "Making obedience training available to pet owners, either by compiling and providing a list of classes in your area, or by holding your own classes, helps provide the community with controlled, well-mannered pets; the owners with enjoyable companions; the pets with a happy and secure environment; and the shelter with the knowledge that fewer animals will be given up as undesirable pets."

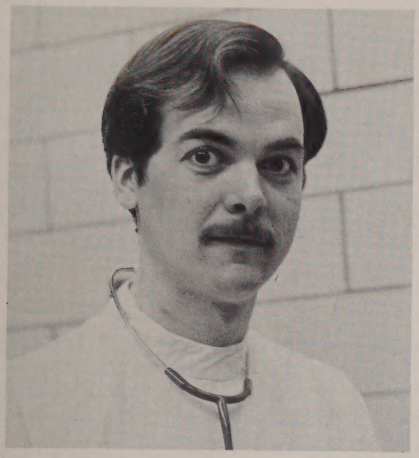
Rabies Clinic

Pups line up patiently for rabies shots at League's annual clinic.

An anonymous donor has given the League a two-horse trailer, for the rescue and transport of horses, livestock, and other large animals. Thanks to this donor's thoughtful and generous gift, animals that have been neglected or abused can now be easily transported to a place where they can receive proper care.

For anyone else who would like to help, by donating an item or making a contribution toward its purchase, the League still needs:

- A self-contained stainless steel rolling examination table needed for veterinary staff use in our animal shelter. Contains supplies and diagnostic tools for examining, vaccinating and treating lost and unwanted animals. (approximate cost $350.)



LEAGUE APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Edward A. Leonard, D.V.M., formerly a member of the veterinary staff at the Natick Animal Clinic, has been appointed director of veterinary medicine at the League. Dr. Leonard, who joined the League staff in May, has practiced small animal medicine and surgery in Massachusetts since 1975 and, prior to that, operated and managed a small animal clinic for the U.S. government and private animals for three years. A graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois, he is licensed also in the states of Illinois and Texas and has had extensive experience in the health care of large animals as well as small.

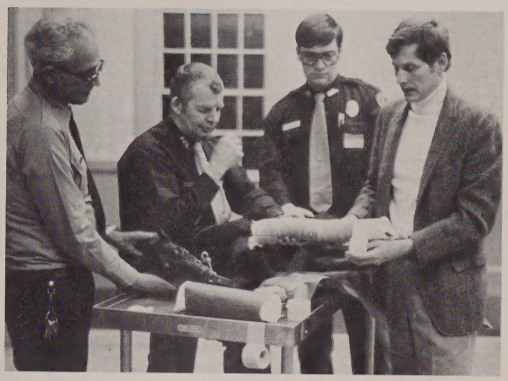
ANIMAL FRIENDS SUMMER CAMP OPENS IN JULY

The Animal Friends Summer Camp, located in Cataumet and operated by the Animal Rescue League of Boston, begins its 31st season on July 7. The unique day camp program, where children from first grade through fifteen years of age can learn about animal care, arts and crafts, ecology, farm animals, marine life and other nature studies, will be held in two three-week sessions:

Session I: July 7 - July 25
Parent's morning program July 26
Session II: July 28 - August 15

COMMONWEALTH HAS OFFICIAL MARINE MAMMAL

Governor Edward King signed a bill in April which designated the North Atlantic Right Whale, which is on the endangered species list, as the state's official marine mammal.



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DOG OFFICERS LEARN FIRST AID TECHNIQUES

Dog officers and humane agents from Barnstable County, Plymouth County and the Animal Rescue League of New Bedford attended a First Aid Seminar in Centerville this spring, sponsored by the Cape Cod branches of the Animal Rescue League of Boston and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The guest lecturer was Dr. Christopher Donner, owner of the Pleasant Bay Animal Hospital in Harwich and president of the Cape Cod Veterinary Association.

The three hour program included demonstrations of first aid techniques for animals suffering from heat prostration, hypothermia, burns, smoke inhalation and traumatic injuries such as hemmorhage, bleeding cuts, back or leg injuries, concussion or other injuries that might be suffered in auto accidents.

Demonstrating how to apply a soft splint to an injured dog's leg are (left to right) Lester Silva, MSPCA; Don Westover, manager of the League's Cape Cod Branch; Rod Allen of the ARL staff; and Dr. Donner.

NEWSFRONT

FIGHTING COCKS RESCUED BY LEAGUE

During a cock fighting raid by Boston Police, League agents took posession of the live evidence, five roosters, which are spending their days under our care until the court decides a verdict in the case. Director of Operations, Roger Van Teyens, left, and animal care attendant Frank Carmichael display two of the fighting birds.

HOT DOGS

With our HOT DOG! leaflets you can warn pet owners of the dangers of leaving their animals alone in the car on a hot day - and tell them what to do if their dog gets overheated. If you see a pet waiting inside a car, just put a HOT DOG! leaflet on the windshield.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS BEING MAILED EARLY

Your membership renewal reminder for 1980 is in the mail to you. Please return to us as soon as conviently possible.

Our Membership office is in the process of changing all memberships so they will be due in January beginning in 1981. Rather than people renewing during the month they joined the League, which means processing renewals constantly, everyone will be due to renew in January. This will provide more free time for us to develop other membership programs during the rest of the year and, more importantly, will save us hundreds of dollars each year in membership processing and mailing expenses. This saving will be used directly to help the needy animals we serve.

ORPHANED WILDLIFE CARED FOR AT LEAGUE

League inspector Peter Faux bottle feeds one of four baby raccoons, found in Belmont after a tree had been cut down, killing the young animals' mother. The League will care for the orphans until they can be released on their own.

ABANDONED PUPS

Animal Control Officer, Ruth Luke of Medfield, Massachusetts has been caring for German Shepherd type puppies found abandoned in a sack in Dover and brought to a Medfield kennel by people passing by.

The newborn pups were dropped off in two batches, a week apart, at the same site last January.

The League is prosecuting a Dover man in Dedham District Court for abandonment and cruelly killing an animal, since one was found dead in the sack. If convicted, the maximum penalty under State law is a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

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